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Applicants	:	Qiu et al.	)	Examiner:
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For	:	HYPERSENSITIVE RESPONSE INDUCED RESISTANCE IN PLANTS BY SEED TREATMENT	)	To Be Assigned
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
**Box: Patent Application**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 5-7, with the following:

*APR 4 12 2001*  
This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/984,207  
filed December 3, 1997, <sup>now US Patent 6,235,974, issued 22 May 2001</sup>, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application  
Serial No. 60/033,230 filed December 5, 1996.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-40 without prejudice and replace claims 42 and 55-57  
as amended below: